ARO Education Committee Meeting Minutes
April 16, 2025

Attendees:
Cathy Sung (Chair), Kirupa Suthakar, Jarnail Singh, Afagh Farhadi, Takushi Miyoshi, Pankaj Bhatia, Tong Shan, Sumana Ghosh, Bryce Hambach

Minutes:

The meeting began with a welcome to new members, followed by introductions and a brief overview of the committee's purpose and history. The Education Committee, now in its fifth year, has experienced significant growth, both in membership and in the scope of its initiatives.

The committee reviewed current initiatives, including the *JARO* special edition, Coffee Hour sessions, the *Advanced Techniques and Models* series, and Clinical Trial Workshops. Members were encouraged to explore opportunities for contributing to these ongoing efforts.

It was noted that subcommittees of 2–5 members are formed to lead each initiative, and a survey will be circulated to gauge interest in participating or continuing involvement in these efforts.

Committee initiatives were discussed in more detail. Upcoming Seminar Series sessions will focus on the auditory brainstem, midbrain, and auditory nerves. Coffee Hour topics to date have included abstract writing, travel award applications, and publishing; the committee agreed to continue these sessions and welcomed suggestions for future topics. Additional volunteers were noted as needed to support this initiative.

The committee also discussed the success of the first session in the *Cutting Edge Techniques and Models* series, which featured a panel of mentors and researchers. Planning is underway for a second session focused on open-source machine learning models to assist research labs with data analysis. A tentative launch was scheduled for July.

It was also discussed that a survey will be distributed to determine the most suitable day for monthly committee meetings based on member availability.